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BLINDER IN FLIGHT
KAZAN AREA, USSR

1. A CONTINUING SCAN [REDACTED] REVEALED A BLINDER MEDIUM BOMBER (TU-92) IN FLIGHT, [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY 15 NM NE OF KAZAN. [REDACTED]

AN ALTITUDE OF APPROXIMATELY 50,000 FT. (PERFORMANCE HANDBOOK INDICATES THAT TOP SPEED FOR THE BLINDER "A" IS 975 KTS PER HOUR --- 1218 MPH --- AND THAT THE MAXIMUM ALTITUDE IS IN EXCESS OF 60,000 FEET) THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT A BLINDER HAS BEEN OBSERVED IN FLIGHT ON PHOTOGRAPHY.

2. KAZAN, IS THE LOCATION OF AIRFRAME PLANT GORBUNOV NO. 22, THE ONLY AIRCRAFT PLANT IN THE SOVIET UNION THAT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A PRODUCER OF BLINDER. FLIGHT TESTS OF BLINDER ARE USUALLY CONDUCTED FROM KAZAN NORTH AIRFIELD, THE PLANT FLY-AWAY AND TEST FIELD, AND HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED [REDACTED]

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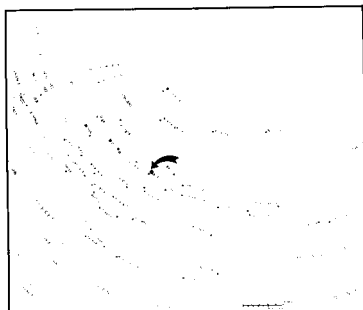
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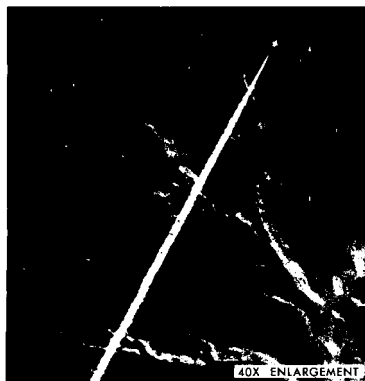
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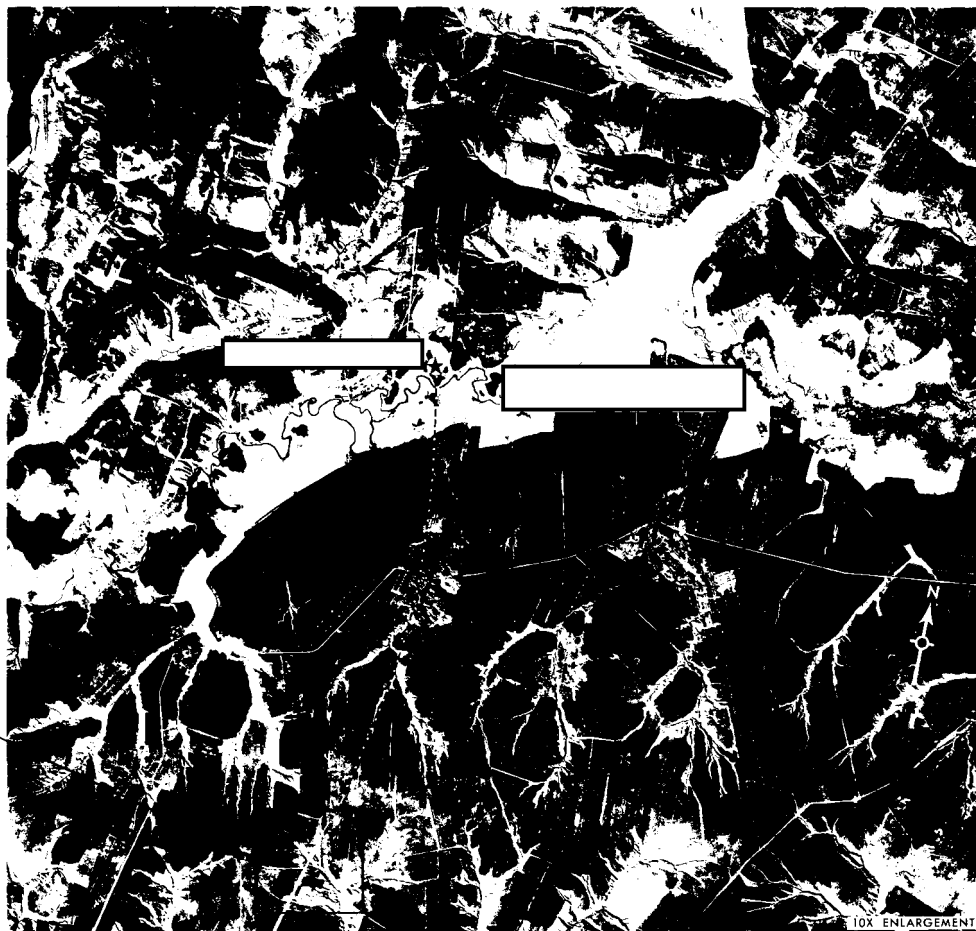
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BLINDER AT MOSCOW AIR SHOW JULY 1961



40X ENLARGEMENT



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